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## All Aboard For Sunny Arizona

### Berkeley Stake Annual Excursion to Mesa Temple Set For April 9-16.

The Berkeley stake temple excursion to the Mesa temple is the talk of the whole east bay. At least that is the impression when the stake Genealogical Committee heard the report of Dr. C. Ronald Smith at their last meeting. Doctor Smith reported that the first two reservations were from out of the stake, one from Oakland stake and one from Quincy, California. Pittsburg expects to send five. and the same number were reported from Berkeley Second ward, fulfilling their allotment thus early.

Other parts of the stake were headed by Carquinez with five or six. But for several of the wards the campaign for reservations for the chartered bus, it is hoped, will now take on new impetus so that the thirty-seven excursionists required to fill the chartered bus will be reported by March 15, the present deadline for reservations via the Greyhound exclusively reserved vehicle to and from Mesa.

Oakland stake left on their Mesa temple excursion February 10 and report a time of joy and satisfaction. "If anyone fails going to the temple," asserted Zelnora Evans when commenting on their recent temple experiences, "They miss one of the greatest thrills of life. And I mean just that. It is truly out of this world, close to heaven indeed. We attended testimony meetings every day in the temple. We saw 18 Indians baptizd at a special service for them through President McConkey of the California mission. The weather was sunny and balmy every day, and the fraternizing with one another on the bus coming and going was one of the enjoyable features of the trip."

The Berkeley stake priesthood quorums are asking their members to go to the Mesa temple at this time to fill the stake's call to do work for the 80,000 male names that are waiting for volunteer workers. This duty has been assigned to the stakes by the General Authorities of the Church, and Berkeley stake is far below the assignment quota so far.

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- A raging fire that burned from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., Sunday, February 13, destroyed the Bannock Stake Tabernacle at Grace, Idaho. Cause of fire has not been determined.
- James Scrowcroft, general manager of John Scrowcraft and Sons Company of Ogden, died Saturday. He was 57.

## Sacramento Stake News

The entire stake was shocked and grieved by the death of our beloved president, Stephen E. Busath, on Thursday evening, February 3. He had been in attendance all evening at a Welfare meeting in the Sutter Ward Chapel, and was driving home with his wife when he suffered a heart attack from which he never recovered consciousness.

Funeral services were held on February 7 in the Homestead Ward Chapel. The services were conducted by Bishop Joseph S. Petersen, the music was furnished by Carma Scott, the Garlic sisters' chorus, and a double male quartette from the Homestead ward. The speakers were: I. Homer Smith and Perry E. Tingey of Sacramento, and Ernest Landward of Stockton.

A host of relatives and friends from all over northern California, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City were in Sacramento to pay their respects to Sister Busath and the family, and to attend the funeral.

The Stake feels greatuly crippled by its loss, but is struggling to carry on under the direction of Pres. Busath's two counselors, Perry E. Tingey and Fenton L. Williams.

The building program is going forward in the stake. The Carmichael Ward has recently organized a committee to raise funds for a new chapel.

**The Arcade Ward has been building a beautiful residence under the direction of their bishop, Elmer C. Gardner, in one of the exclusive residence districts of North Sacramento. The structure is almost complete, and they hope to be able to sell it and clear several thousand dollars on it, which will all go to the building fund.**

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## Oakland Stake News, Calendar

Welfare activities were highlights of a report by Oakland Stake President Eugene Hilton at the Stake's Union meeting Sunday February 27, to the Dimond Ward chapel. Included in the report were plans to hold a bi-monthly Welfare Union meeting for the stake Sunday, March 13, at 2:30 p. m., in the Dimond ward chapel.

Work on the cannery building is nearing completion, reported Dr. Hilton. Inspection should be made early in March, after which lathing and plastering can be completed. In the forepart of March, Brother Campbell will come from Salt Lake to help install the equipment. To complete this phase of the project, Stake Counselor Delbert Wright will need some plumbers and steam fitters.

After equipment is installed and tested, a training school will be held in March to provide trained workers to help operate the cannery.

Saturday, March 4, weeding should be completed on the stake farm. Next project will be to take down the barn and use the materials to build coops for 300 chickens, pens for pigs and a feed and equipment storage room.

Eight acres of barley have been planted to be used on feed projects; one and a quarter acres of garlic has been planted as a money crop; and it is planned to plant six to seven acres of sugar beets.

**OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR**

March 11—Oakland Stake Gold

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## Liahona Club News

The regular monthly dinner-lecture-discussion meeting of the Liahona Club, composed of LDS business men of the bay region, met at the usual place, Coit Hotel, Monday, February 27, with the new president, Alma D. Erickson in the chair, flanked by vice presidents Curt Bybee and Don Allphin.

The meeting was a free-for-all open discussion of the agenda for the year ahead under the three presidents responsible for the three divisions of club activity: programs, membership and pro jects.

Curt Millward and Roy Clovis will organize the entertainment spots for each evening. Many fine suggestions as to speakers and topics were received to help Don Allphin in his program duties.

Curt Bybee held plans for a 100 per cent active membership and also for pushing for increased new membership. Fifty-four are on the roster at present. Double this number is a possibility. A committee was appointed to bring in suggestions regarding proposed associate memberships.

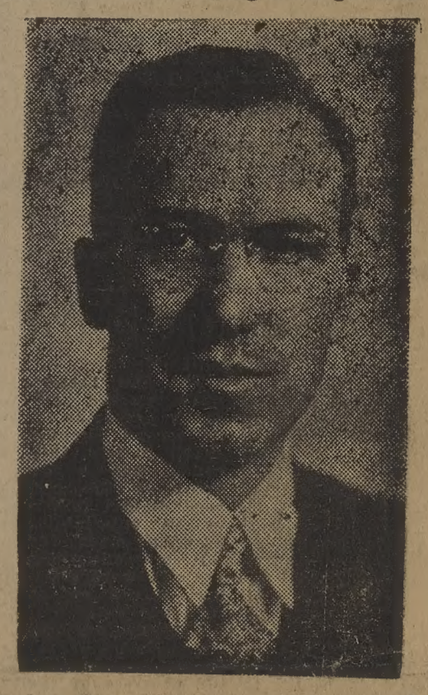
Chief among the Projects suggested by Chairman A. D. Ericksen for the club this year is that of establishing a permanent club summer camp for members and their families. A committee was appointed after interested discussino to study the possibilities and report back at later meetings. Oren Yorgason is the new secretary, and Art Bliss the new treasurer.

One of the interesting personalities attending the dinner was the nationally and internationally known world champion wrestler, Jonathan Heaton, known to the sporting world as "Brother Jonathan," and now head of the "Brother Jonathan Healthatorium" on Piedmont avenue. This man has come to live in the East Bay after a world career which took him from his birthplace in Kanab, Utah, to every state in the union and all countries of the globe as a professional wrestler. His stories of ring experience and comments on sporting personalities were much enjoyed.

## Chastity, Courtship and Marriage Beautifully Discussed By President Milton R. Hunter

The three most important things in life are birth, death and marriage said Elder Hunter of the First Council of Seventy at the Berkeley Stake Conference February 13, 1949. It has been said that God takes care of the first two, but that we make a mess of the other. There are more divorces than marriages in Los Angeles, and it is very bad elsewhere. The cause? Court records say this and that, but socialists say that infidelity is the greatest single cause. The nation is becoming promiscuous. It was never more wicked than it is now.

There is a strict decree over this land: Serve God and live. Nephites were swept off when they became corrupt as were the Jaredites. We are on dangerous ground



today for never were our moral standards so low, unchastity is rampant. During the war there came a great spread of immorality. For instance, it is appalling to learn the enormous number of babies left by our soldiers in Europe.

Dr. Hunter told of his riding recently on the train with a group of recruits coming to California. Their conversations in the wash room were the most filthy imaginable. He asked one if they really were as loose in morals as this talk indicated. He said that of 50 on his ship that he was sure that 48 were immoral.

It was never more important to teach our youth the eternity of the marriage covenant. It is very sad to interview prospective missionaries and to find that some have to confess that they have not been chaste in their lives.

God gave Adam the law of celestial marriage. The first law of marriage from the Lord is to have children. To practice birth control is disobeying God's command. Another condition of celestial marriage is no divorce. Jesus said this was the law in the beginning, and that divorce was permitted by Moses only because of the wickedness of the people.

Celestial marriage is the crowning doctrine of the Gospel for by it we may become eventually Gods, having continuation of the seeds forever.

There can be no true axaltation without celestial marriage, and that alone is eternal life. There are three degrees within the celestial glory, and only sealed couples will enjoy the highest; the others will be angels to administer to those worthy of a far greater glory.

Dr. Hunter recommends that a list be made on both sides of the question, Why be morally clean? To the pure in heart come all the beatitudes, but nothing will drag one down more quickly than immorality.

Why be morally clean? It is the law of God. God knows the grave results of unchastity. Alma told his sons that it is the most abomanable of all sins except murder, and the denial of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said that he that looketh upon a woman with evil in his heart was guilty of adultry. Indeed chastity is more important to us on earth that is the continuance of our earth life. Better lose your life than your chastity.

Consider LDS boys and girls, not too well instructed, they begin

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## Berkeley Stake Conference Gems

"We need the blessings that come from the fasting and prayer even more than we need the fast donations. The time could come in times of real need among us that lack of faithful fast offering payments will seriously handicap our Welfare work."—Pres. Mayhew.

"Some day, we are told, our people will stand firm and save the Constitution of the United States. Where will the leadership for this work come from? From those whose hearts are right before God."—Pres. Hunter.

"There is an odd story that may have a point to it. Our missionaries were bsuy tracting in a Catholic district. The prieses had told the people not to talk to the elders but to merely to open the door wide enough to say, 'No, we are Catholics.' When they came to one man who was slightly timpsy, he answered and said, 'No, I am a Catholic. The priest will save me or I'll give him hell'."—Pres. Emery R. Ranker.

"If you love your children, send them on Missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That experience is worth far more than a million dollars.—Pres. Hunter.

"Missionary work is the most important work assigned the church. Joseph Smith said this and he said the same about temple work for both statements are true. Temple work is really dependent, finally, upon missionaries carrying the Gospel to the dead."—Pres. Hunter.

"We can't stand still and gain rewards. What a power this Church machine would now be for good in this world if every part of the machine were operating properly."Pres. W. Glenn Harmon.

"Who calls Stake Quarterly Conferences? The President of the Church does. And for whom does he speak. He speaks in his calling, for God our Heavenly Father."

"So, when we attend our Church meetings, we do so primarily, or should do so, because God has called the meeting."—Pres. Milton R. Hunter.

"The stake president will be

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## ELDER GERALD SMITH, IN URUGUAY MISSION, WRITES EXPERIENCES

Elder Gerald E. Smith, son of Glen C. and Violet Smith, of the Elmhurst Ward, has been just six months in Uruguay. Mission President Frederick S. Williams, together with four or five missionaries, greeted them at the dock last July and helped with the customs formality.

"The second morning I was tracting—the third evening I was sitting through a cottage meeting—the first Sunday I sat five hours through a semi-annual conference of the Uruguayan Mission. During all this, if I understood one word spoken in every fifteen, I was very much surprised," he writes.

"First three months were decidly difficult. It's a strange experience to be in the company of a group of young people who are laughing and enjoying themselves while you have no idea of what is going on. You sincerely feel that if you ever master the language it will be through some power other than your own. . . .

"The time passes very quickly. I have had some wonderful experiences. One of the happiest was on November 6, the second baptismal service ever held in Uruguay. I had the privilege of baptising a ten-year old boy, Neme-

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## CONTRIBUTED EDITORIAL

By DENNIS L. LAUPER

Some folks have inquired about their financial obligations in regard to the new tabernacle. They ask, "Now that the Church has taken a stand against new construction in view of inflated building costs, isn't it alright if I delay making my donation until the stake CAN build?" While there may be a few cases where a further delay in meeting this allotment would be justifyable we would say that in the main this is a poor policy.

**In the first place we have needed the new Tabernacle for many years and are still without it because we have failed up to the present date to raise the money necessary to build it. Manp people completed their allotments several years ago while a great number withheld or delayed their donations on the grounds that they would rather keep the money working (drawing interest) for themselves until we are ready to build.**

The fallacy of the above thinking is that as long as the money is withheld from the fund WE WILL NOT BE READY TO BUILD, since obviously the gathering of the funds precedes the building. We must know what we can finance and be assured of its completion before letting contracts and starting construction.

As a matter of fact if everyone had given their money when it was called for the stake presidency would have been able to start the building right after the war when government restrictions were removed. By now we could be meeting in our new tabernacle.

We may ask, "If we don't gather the money now HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE US TO GET READY when Church restrictions are removed? Will we be any better off financially then than we are now—or as well off as at present? How long will it take to organize new committees, fund drives, etc.?"

When we do build if it should be decided not to make it a joint-stake Tabernacle for Oakland and Berkeley stakes, will it not be well for Oakland stake to have on hand at least the amount they have been asked to raise for their own building?

**Dear Saints, let us not allow ourselves to become discouraged nor let our dream of a new Tabernacle die, nor even sleep—but rather let us keep adding oil to our lamps and contributions to our fund, so that as soon as the brethern tell us we may begin to build WE WILL THEN BE READY to begin immediately and to push it through to a speedy completion.**

### Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference

**The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, at the Oakland Ward Chapel, MacArthur at Webster Street.**

**The Stake Welfare Meeting will convene Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the Stake Priesthood Meeting. The Sunday meetings are set at 10 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m.**

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

## San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

The San Leandro ward worked diligently preparing for its second birthday party Mar. 4, 1949, which was a big event. A Smorgasbord dinner, followby an entertaining program made fun for everyone. San Leandro ward members turned out in good number.

It seems especially fitting at this particular time that the bishopric should again publicly thank all who have helped in the progress of the ward. They feel we have accomplished a great deal in the past two years and realize that is has been only through the cooperation and combined effort of all.

The deacons had a fun outing on Feb. 19, when they went into the snow on Mount Diablo with their Aaronic priesthood leader, Andrew Hunt. The boys returned with wild ideas of real winter weather.

Our Green and Gold dance, held jointly ly with Elmhurst ward, was a lovely party. During an impressive ceremony, the Gleaner queens were chosen.

We are happy to announce that Sister Kathey Calhoun, talented daughter of Brother and Sister Judson C. Calhoun, will represent San Leandro ward at the coming stake Gold and Green ball.


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## Dimond Ward

STELLA S. HOOPES

It is a pleasure to attend our meetings and be able to hear every word that is spoken from the pulpit. Reason: New public address system.

We have new song books; let's all do our part in taking care of them.

The junior Sunday school and Relief Society are enjoying the new asphalt tile flooring of their room in the chapel.

Thad Van Noy has arrived in the Texas-Louisiana mission field. We know he will be blessed.

We were disappointed on the outcome of the basketball game in Sacramento where the regional playoffs for M Men league were held. We're still mighty proud of Dimond's team for winning the stake title and district championship. It's rumored that they'll receive an award for their efforts.

Our members will be interested to know that Howard Daniels, son of Ray and Bertha Daniels, has received a call to the Palestine-Syrian mission. Howard has been in Ogden for the past two years and received his call from the North Ogden ward in Ben Lomond stake. He will leave some time in June.

Our Green and Gold dance, held Feb. 18, was greatly enjoyed and the attendance was even better than last year.

Queen Lue Ann Wright, with her four attendants, made a lovely picture. Keep March 11th open for the stake Gold and Green ball.

We all know our fair-haired boy Clyde Russell is a talented musician, for we have listened to him many times. Here is some thing you may not know. February 1, when Clyde graduated from Brett Hart junior high school, he was president of his class and an A plus student; he was one of two on the gold seal honor roll and was chosen to give the farewell speech at graduation.

The bishopric and Primary express their thanks for the cooperation given to the penny march. It was a great success. The total exceeded last year by more than $30. were the only two from Dimond on the were teh only two from Dimond on the Mesa temple excursion. Sister McKaig was sealed to her husband. The group did work for 75 people. Among the interesting sidelights was a short romp in the snow enroute. The trip was a huge success.

February 26, at the U. of U. alumni dinner dance at the Palace hotel, Sister Martha McKaig was given honorable mention for being the eldest alumni present; she graduated with the class of 1886.

At the time this article goes to press, we will be having the country fair. Hope none of you miss it. Sounds good—dinner and everything.

Sorry to hear about Edna Torgerson's accident; hope she soon wil lbe well.

## Pittsburg Ward

GLORIA MAGLEBY.

From your Bishop:

"The most satisfying feeling one can experience is to know you are doign those things which God desires you to do.

It is not as hard to obey God's wishes as it is to try to find ways to justify yourself in not obeying them. When we are given a commandment from God which does not suit our thniking exactly, are we wise enough to revise those commandments? If so we are too wise for this world."—Bishop J. Harold Magleby.

Under the direction of Renee Kirkham, Carol Clayton and Jean Paquette (our YMMIA presidency) all women of the ward of Mutual age enjoyed a Ward Mothers' and Daughters' Social, February 25. It was a remarkable evening. It's a good feeling to meet with girls and women who do so much to make the world brighter. The night was spent in doing things of various degrees of gayety. Everyone there seemed just a little happier than usual. Thanks, ladies, for a nice evening; one not soon to be forgotten.

Another social we'll all stamp as utstanding was the combined Brentwood Branch — Pittsburg Ward Washington's Birthday Social, on February 22 at Brentwood. You see, the Saints out that way won the prize at the Sweetheart Ball in Berkeley and were kind enough to invite Pittsburg to help them eat the ice cream and pie which they served. Each family furnished a pie and the prize money bought the ice cream,. Especially helpful when it came to helping get rid of the eats were "Happy Clayton," Mario Rodella, Ralph Krey and others too numerous to mention including women and children. Our sincere thanks to Brentwood.

The newly organized women's class in the Sunday School started with an excellent presentation of the lesson by Annamae Barrus, on Sunday, February 20. It is planned to have a variety of lessons, book reviews and other interesting matter for the future classes.

LADIES' CHORUS MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

Ladies' chorus practice will be held Wednesday nights at 7:30 from now on. By the way, that reminds me to thank all of you for your presentation at the last session of Stake Conference. Lots of people said we "done good."

The hearts of Pittsburg Saints beat faster when contemplating the completion of a remodeling job on our chapel. An architect's picture of the completed structure hangs in the hallway at the entrance, and more than once longing eyes are cast its way with maybe a little prayer that it won't be much longer until we can have the desires of our hearts.

The monthly Sunday School Officers and Teachers' business meeting and social was held at the home of Ed Maughan, February 18, with the evening spent both in fun and in accomplishing a few things to further and better our Sunday School. Those concerned please note that the Sunday morning prayer meeting is now being held at 9:45 a.m.

## Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD

DAWNA ERICKSON and CAROL DUNHAM

With two months marked off on the calendar of the new year, Berkeley first ward is again engrossed in the usual—and it might be well to add—unusual round of activities. Under the latter heading comes the "Spanish Fiesta and Bazaar" held March 5. Under the chairmanship of Delbert Rock, Jr., Berkeley ward played host to senors and senoritas who joined the fiesta and took part in the "South of the Border" festivities. All of the fun and proceeds therefrom were for the welfare fund.

While loyal members of the ward are enjoying the benefits of the Berkeley atmosphere, at this time we should remember some of the ward members who are braving the winter in Utah and foreign lands.

Mrs. Calvin Thompson (Joyce Taylor to her friends here in Berkeley) is continuing her studies at the U. of U. Joyce and Cal were married in the Salt Lake temple on December 17, 1948, and the newlyweds are not only braving the Utah winter successfully, but to all reports are almost oblivious of it. Cal is doing grad work at the U. and is working for his master's degree in the field of psychology. Their friends will be happy to know that they are planning to visit Berkeley during the recess between the winter and spring quarters of the university.

Laura Summerhays, whose musical ability is well known and loved here at home, has been developing her talents at the U. of U. on the 28th of March, Laura will be heard in her own recital at a musical program sponsored by the McCune School of Music.

Joanne Gardner, also studying at the U. of U., has been active in many school functions. She is a member of the Spur organization which is a national college pep group. She hopes to enter the field of interior decorating, and she seems to be getting a good start, for she is in charge of the decorations for all dances sponsored by the student body of the U.

BYU can boast of five students from Berkeley: Merrilyn and Eunice Harmon, Carolyn Johnson, Leonore Ream and Geo. Sorensen. It has been heard from reliable sources that these students are requesting canoes in which they can return to Berkeley. It seems that the usual modes of travel have been hampered somewhat by the melting snow.

BYU is going to claim two more Berkeley ward members. Barbara Green and Pat Russell are returning to the "Y" to finish their college careers. They will be missed by the ward, but leave with all the good wishes and blessings of their friends in Berkeley.

In a few months, however, Berkeley will be able to welcome a few of its missionaries who have been serving their Church abroad. Reed Tolman is reported to have left Australia sometime between the 21st and 24th of February. He will have a pleasant greeting in store in Hawaii, because Bishop Allen, who has been on the Islands since the first of January, will be at the docks with a lei to welcome him.

Wayne Mayhew is expected home some time in October. He was recently transferred to Nice, France, from Geneva Switzerland. At Geneva he was in charge of all transportation, financial and personnel records of the mission.

David B. Cummings, Jr., will be returning to Berkeley in August. At present he is acting as the district president where he is working among students at the University of Maine and the Penobscot Indians.

The ward has had to bid farewell again to Delbert Rock, Jr., who left on February 25, to return to the Uruguayan mission in Montevideo. He had to return home to undergo a serious throat operation. From his attitude and remarks, Del has shown the great inspiration he has received from his missionary work. He will be in the mission home in Montevideo for two more years, and for the information of his friends, his address will be: 1525 Calle Britto, Montevideo, Uraguay.

Wedding bells will be the source of Berkeley music for most of the months ahead. Another couple from here has announced wedding plans. Gwen Sparks and James Beal are planning to be married some time in June. Both are attending the U. of C.


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## Claremont M Men Win District Championship

At the coming M Men and Gleaner Girl banquet Claremont basketball players will be presented the Berkeley Stake Championship Trophy. The four contesting teams all had fine spirit namely the teams from Claremont, Carquinez, Berkeley and Richmond, the latter two teams being, however, each composed of members from two wards were ineligible as contestants for the trophy although they both bested Claremont one game each.

This by no means takes the honors from Claremont who represented Berkeley stake well by beating Balboa two straight games, the latter game being a nip and tuck affair from beginning to end, with the score ending 24-21.

February 18-19, Claremont played in Sacramento, meeting the fine M. Men sports from Reno who were very "hot" that night and stole the score from Claremont 62 to 39, in a fine, clean game. After a day of sight-seeing in Sacramento Claremont's team played Homestead ward who represented Sacramento stake and lost a close game 26-30.

In the championship game for the 12th District, Gridley edged out Reno. The Reno boys were as "cold" that night as they had been "hot" the night before. The score was 30-26. Gridley will therefore represent the 12th District in Salt Lake City March 2 to 5. We all wish them luck.

## Brentwood Ward

To start the month out right, almost 100 per cent of the Sunday school group bore testimonies, and that included all of the second Intermediate boys and girls.

The biggest event to date in our newly organized MIA was held Feb. 22 in the form of a patriotic social. The Beehive girls decorated the hall beautifully in red, white and blue. After an enjoyable program, refreshments of pie and ice cream were served. Highlight of the evening was the drawing for queen of the Gold and Green ball. Ermile Dansie of Pittsburg was the lucky girl. Our guests included the Pittsburg MIA and investigators from Brentwood.

February 19, Brentwood had the privilege of serving lunch to the workers at the stake welfare building in ElCerrito. We especially enjoyed watching the group of energetic boy scouts piling lumber and cleaning the yard. They also did a very good job of cleaning tehir plates.

Saturday, March 5, the priesthood almost completed the job of pruning the apricot orchard, our project in Brentwood. Time was taken out at noon for a weiner roast.

"If thou are merry, praise the Lord with singing, with music, with dancing and with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. If thou art sorrowful call on the Lord thy God with supplication, that your soul may be joyful." —D. & C. Sec. 136: 28-29.

## Vallejo Ward News

Returned missionaries Millard and Mary Cosby, delighted the ward the last week end in January. They returned to us after a truly remarkable and faithful mission of 27 months in Virginia and the Carolinas. They inspired us with their preaching of the doctrines of the Church and their fervent testimonies. Their wonderful records in holding cottage meetings and in book and tract distributions were commented upon recently in the Church News. This couple are an inspiration to all and were warmly welcomed back.

They were house guests of Bishop and Sister E. Z. Taylor, and were entertained at a party given by the two Vallejo wards.

Millard Cosby was born in Virginia, but his parents didn't join the Church until they moved to Arizona while Millard was still a boy. Sister Mary Cosby was born in Utah of a pioneer family. Later, she lived in Arizona, and the two attended school together there.

As a young man Elder Cosby labored in the Southern States mission and there became acquainted with Brother E. Z. Taylor. They became fast friends. After returning home from this mission, Millard married his sweetheart, Mary, in 1907. They have lived a full life, rearing three children and serving the Church and community.

Again Bishop Taylor and Millard Cosby met in Vallejo in 1943. In 1946, while Elder Taylor was serving as Vallejo's bishop, the Cosbys were called to fill another mission which took them back to Virginia.

The Church can be proud to have had such fine representatives at the Cosbys. We extend them our best wishes for a happy life in St. George, Utah, where they look forward to doing temple work.

The MIA is enthusiastic over the fine folk dancing classes that are held every other Tuesday night. The special interest class is unusually interesting also. All adult members are cordially invited to attend.

● Utah and the Mormons got a boost in the February 12 issue of the Saturday Evening Post with its enormous circulation, under the heading, "The Amazing Nobodies from Utah," featuring the U. of U. basketball team under coach Vadal Peterson. Reference is also made to the greatest basketball league in America, the MIA M Men basketball league.


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## SACRAMENTO STAKE

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**Practically all the labor has been donated.**

Bishop Walter L. Cox and his staunch backers from the Sacramento Ward gave, as a new ward chapel project to raise money, a dinner, show and dance on the evening of February 18, at the Governor's Hall on the Fair Grounds. A delicious ham dinner was served to more than 900 guests.

The basketball trophy and the chance to go to Salt Lake City to represent the Northern California division in the Church-wide basketball tournament was won by the Gridley team which won last year also.

The trophy for the Northern California division, which is to be kept by any team winning it three years in succession, or by the team winning it the most times in ten years, was presented to Gridley.

Miss Ellen Hunt, the lovely queen from the Arcade Ward, N. Sacramento, was crowned queen of the Stake Gold and Green Ball, by our Right Honorable Governor Earl Warren.

San Joaquin, Gridley and Sacramento Stakes joined in holding a Stake Sunday School Convention in the Sutter Ward Chapel on Sunday, February 27.

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## Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

One of the outstanding affairs of the month in Napa was the Relief Society Heart Friend Party. It was held on February 18, at the home of Ruth Taysom. A large group of women attended and each exchanged a gift that was accompanied by an original verse. Later in the evening the "Heart Friends were revealed for last year and new names were taken for the coming year. The party was considered a great success by those in charge

The annual "Sweetheart Ball' in the Ward was also well attended. The hall was beautifully decorated and all the "sweethearts" had a good time.

Bishop Reed Keller, Rex Bridges and John L. Murdock have all been out on a fishing trip during the month, but it seems came back with the same story. "No fish."

During the past year, the attendance at the monthly Leadership meeting held in the Ward has been on a competitive basis. The organizations with the lowest percentages were to serve dinner to the winning groups. On February 14, the Primary, Genealogical, and YMMIA officers all joined together and prepared a delicious meal and served the rest of the officers and teachers. Reports were heard from the Presidents of each organization and a good time was enjoyed. At the close of the evening the Bishopric were reminded that they were the next in line to the losers so did their part by helping with the dishes.

Work is progressing on the Welfare Farm, the pruning and other type of work is moving along fine under the supervision of the Farm manager, Brother Delbert Norland. Congratulations are also in order for the Norlands on the birth of their first child, a daughter. The couple just recently moved into the Ward from Oregon. We are truly happy to have them here.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCH OF REX BRIDGES.

Rex LeRoy Bridges was born in Gunnison, Utah, November 19, 1913, son of Herman and Lillian Madsen Bridges. Rex attended Elsinore schools and the Monroe High School, and later the Western Electric College in Salt Lake City.

On October 29, 1935, he married Veoma Hendrickson of Venice, Utah. After marriage they soon moved to Napa. In 1941 Rex and Veoma went to Salt Lake City into the House of the Lord and were sealed for time and eternity. They have two children, Nancy Lee, six years old, and Stephen LeRoy, three years old.

Rex has worked in a hardware store in Napa for several years until he went into business under the name of "Hardware Center," in partnership with Bishop Reed W. Keller.

Since coming to Napa, Rex has been a most devoted worker in the Church. He was Ward Clerk for two years, then in 1942, was made a counselor to Bishop Murdock. He has been an inspiration to all the members of the Ward. At present he is first counselor to Bishop Reed W. Keller.

He has always been willing to help in any teaching capacity and has been a most faithful worker in Welfare Projects. We all love and respect Bro. Bridges for his humility, unselfishness and his wonderful testimony of the oGspel and are indeed happy to be associated with him in Napa.

## Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS KE. 3-3864.

(Note: The Messenger apoligizes to Maxwell Park and to Marjorie Hawkins, Maxwell Park's excellent reporter, for omision of the February ward news, due to an unusual set of circumstances.)

A lovely Gold and Green Ball was held in our Ward Hall, Feb. 1, 1949. Norma Williams was crowned Queen, during a beautiful pageant, in which the Gleaner Girls and their leader, Sister Bea Larsen took part, as well as four of our most faithful Deacons, and two little Kindergarten Cuties.

Four of the girls taking part in the installation are Golden Gleaners, and we have three other Golden Gleaners in the Ward who were unable to attend that evening, namely: Fern Everett, Winnie Martin, Gerry Larsen. We feel ou rWard is outstanding in this erspect, and that much credit is due to Sister Larsen for her inspiration to the girls.

A very successful dinner was served to approximately 150 people at the Elmhurst Ward, Saturday, February 19. It was unique in that no knoves, forks or spoons were necessary and since only paper plates and cups were used, there was not the usual stack of soiled dishes when it was over. The entertainment that followed the dinner was superb. We wish to thank all who took part, and who supported us at this grand dinner, and helped to make our Building Fund grow. We have many more wonderful parties and entertainments in store for the future, so watch your Bulletin Board, and remember, "If it's for Maxwell Park's Building Fund—it's a MUST."

Brother Ben Williams was voted the new Ward Clerk for our ward, Sunday, February 20. Brother Williams was born in Utah, and comes from a family of four boys and two girls. His wife, Lilleth, is a counselor in the Relief Society; they have two sons and a daughter. He has been ever active in the Church, mainly as a chorister and choir director. He has taught bookkeeping as a school teaccher, and has also filled a three-year mission for the Church in the Western States. We are very happy to have Brother Williams and his family active in our ward, and congratulate him and wish him much success in his new work as Ward Clerk.

The Relief Society invites everyone out to their Textile Painting Class Tuesday mornings at 9:00 o'clock. Mabel Jensen of Elmhurst Ward has graciously given of her time to teach the ladies this skill. They have plans for various hobbies to be taken up later. If there is a special type of handicraft you are interested in please make it known to the Relief Society president, Sister Bea Larsen.

We are very happy to welcome Sterling Yeaman, son of Brother and Sister Dick Yeaman into our ward. Sterling just returned from the Argentine Mission and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing a lot from him in the future.

A group of 24 ladies of the Relief Society went to visit Katherine Beck, and to help her celebrate her 93rd birthday, Sunday, February 20. Sister Beck joined the Church during the past year, and is the oldest member of our ward. We wish her many more happy birthdays, and good health during the coming years.

Sister Irene Marchant became a new grandmother twice this month. Her two daughters, Louella Castro, and Pearl Hatfield each became the mother of lovely baby boy. Congratulations.

Our young people have enjoyed two outings in the snow this winter. Although they were snowed in the first time, they went back for more over the Washington birthday weekend, and had a grand time.

The Elders' Quorum of the ward are sponsoring a Meat Club. Each Thursday evening they meet at the home of Rod Pocock, where he and Dr. Bramwell are the chief butchers on a half or quarter of beef. The members are able to buy meat at a good savings. If you Elders of the ward have been missing out on this, please cntact Joy Briscoe, LO. 8-0186.

March 19, 1949, a very special treat is in store for all members of Oakland and Berkeley Stake. The famous Mormon Male Chorus directed by Robert Sant is giving a concert for the benefit of Maxwell Park's Building Fund. This will be held at Oakland ward chapel. Keep this date open, and watch your local ward for further announcement.

## Alameda Ward

GAYLEEN CLAYSON

Sterling Yeaman returned home Saturday, February 17, after completing a two year mission in far-away Argentina, S. A. We are grateful for his safe return in good spirit, and were delighted to have him as our speaker, Feb. 27. He gave an inspiring address. We welcome him home again and into ward and stake activities; we shall enjoy hearing much of his wonderful experiences.

The stake Sweetheart Ball was held in Alameda's new recreational hall, and was both a beautiful and successful affair. We are proud of our grand, new building.

Retiring counselors, Oscar Fontana and Howard Dunn, of the bishopric were honored at a delightful party and program February 15. Each counselor was presented with an electric mantel clock, while our beloved bishop received some splendid luggage in appreciation for his fine work in the ward;particularly for the tireless labors in the erection of our chapel which we all enjoy so much. Refreshments and a dance closed a thrilling evening.

Our ward's Green and Gold ball, Feb. 25, was very successful; Delores Knowles looked charming as the queen, as did her attendants, Lola Stam, Nyle Grow, Darlene Laird, Nadene Goodman, Joyce Hughes and Gayleen Clayson; everyone had a grand time.

Several members in our ward have been hospitalized this month: Maurine McKinley, Inez Multz, Rennie McKinley, S. K. Mortensen and Dean Hunt. We are glad to know that they are now recovered, for the most part.

Our chapel seats have arrived and the carpet has been ordered. Jack Powell, in charge of landscaping, has certainly been on the job. The lot is now cleaned, leveled and ready for planting.

The first wedding to be held in the recreational hall of the chapel was that of Neva Jean Puckett, who was married to William Shulty, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Winkel.

● "Utah could well become the center of fertilizer production in the United States, being the only place in the nation where the three essential elements for most commercial fertilizers are found in sufficiently large quantities," declared Dr. E. Roy Nelson of the U. of .

● Production at the Geneva Steel Plant near Provo, Utah, reached a new high in 1948, totaling 1,114,174 tons of steel in its nine open hearth furnaces, and also 790,000 tons from the rolling mills. These figures exceed even the output of the war years when the plant was built.

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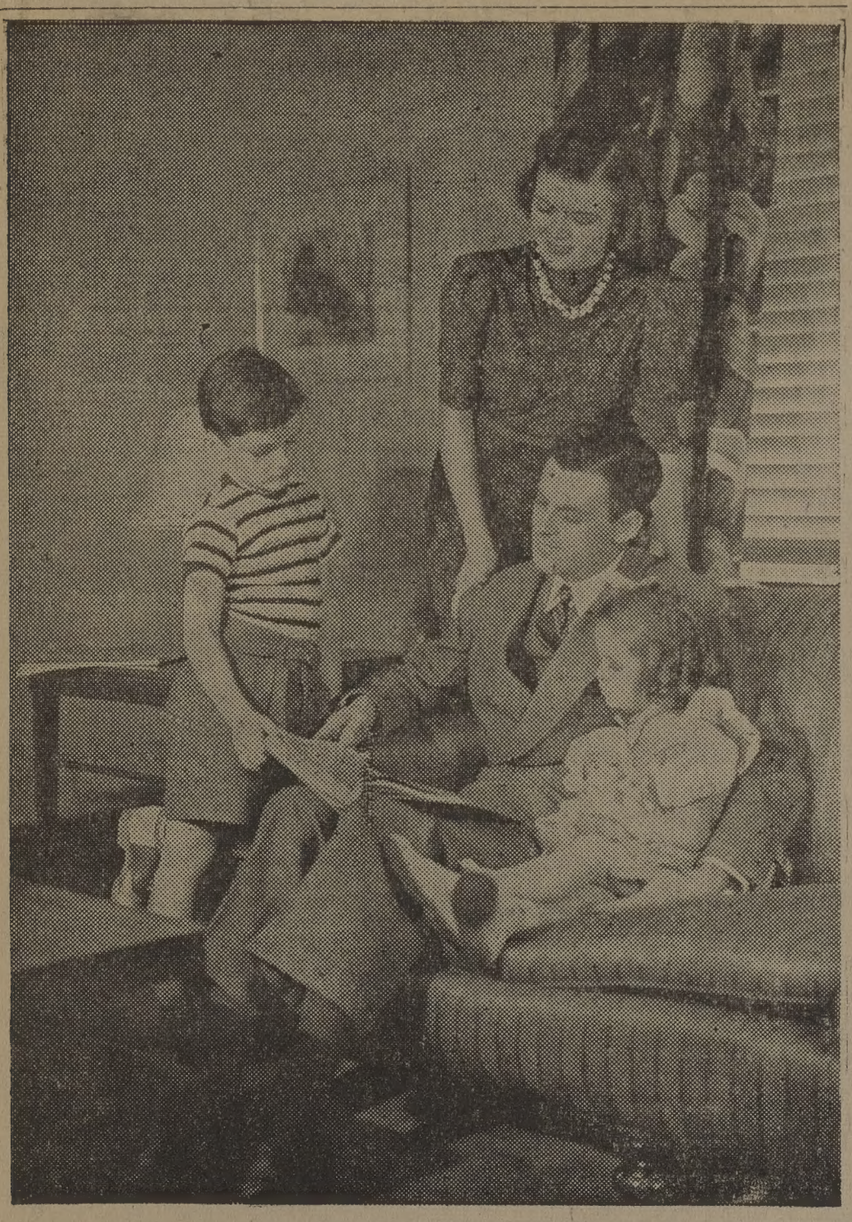
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## Gerald Smith

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cio Francisco Riano—the eighth person to be baptized in the country. I was frightened to say the least, for I had been in the country only three and a half months and would have been nervous enough saying the prayer in English, let alone Spanish.

"Then there was the September Fast Sunday when I was called on to bear my testimony. I had forgotten that it was Fast Sunday, and had not thought a minute of what I might say. To be truthful, I was mortified.

"There are, of course, many humorous mistakes that missionaries make with the language. One of the most common is perhaps confusing 'folleto,' meaning a tract or pamphlet, and 'failluto,' a piece of trash. It is very embarrassing to hand a tract to an inquiring housewife with the speech: 'Buenos dias, Senora, nosotros quisieramos presentarle esta failluto. Le explica quienes somos y que estamos haciendo aca en su pais.' Or, 'Good morning, lady, we would like to present to you this piece of trash. It explains to you who we are and what we are doing here in your country.

"This is the first branch opened in the Mission, 15 months ago. At present we have fifteen members, with twenty-five to thirty in attendance at Sunday School every week, and at least twenty to the afternoon meeting. It is located in a little better than average part of town, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

"At least seventy-five per cent of the people here are Roman Catholic, but only a quarter of them ever attend the Masses. In the town of Treinta y Tres, where I spent approximately five months, I doubt if ten per cent of the people had ever seen a Bible. Only approximately half of the population of that place could even read or write. Here in Montevideo it is entirely different. There are very few illiterate people. The Lord is certainly blessing us in our efforts. This is truly a wonderful experience."

## A War Story

**FAITH**

**By JUDITH ODELL, Berkeley.**

A few years ago in France, a young soldier lay critically ill. In his tent a chaplin ,who had graduated from a college of Theology, and had been a pastor in a church for ten years, came to see him and prepare him for the worst.

As he entered, he said, "Buddy, you are very sick."

"Yes," said the boy, "I am, but I am going to get well."

The chaplain was very much impressed at what the boy had spoken. The chaplain said, "Buddy, I am glad to hear you say that."

"Well," said the boy, "I say it and I mean it."

The chaplain then left the tent to visit the other sick boys. But he could not get the words of the boy out of his mind and so he returned to the tent and asked the boy where he was from and where he had gotten the assurance he would get well. The boy told him that he was from Utah, and that he was a Latter-day Saint, and had obeyed the commandments of God, and had a promise given to him by those who had the right to give it, that he would return to his home. When he had been stricken with this illness, there had come a witness that he was going to get well.

The chaplain wanted more knowledge about that faith and asked the boy for books of his church. The boy gave the books to him and the chaplain studied them.

Later the chaplain wrote to a member of our church and said, "All my religious life I have been seeking a strong force such as I felt that night in that tent, and I want more of that spirit. I want to feel what I felt and what I know that boy felt that night in France."

Faith is like a flame. It lights and warms all who behold it.

## Hayward Ward

**MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.**

**It's one thing to look for the proverbial needle in the haystack and quite another to have the doctor looking for said needle in your own thigh. This latter is what Phyllis Davis thought when she underwent six hours of surgery as the doctor probed for the needle she'd sat on accidentally.**

**—It's wedding bells for Dorothy Cox Capperton and Mr. Ward and also for Neil Sheppard and Evaline Parker. The latter couple were married February 19 at the chapel by our bishop. . . .We welcome Jacqueline Coogan into the Church. She was baptized February 5.**

**—Twelve of our fine young men were advanced to the office of elders in the priesthood recently: Doval White, Daryle Webb Day and Reed Welchoff, Robert Day, Robert Johnson, Howard Day, Thomas Pugmire, Jack Thompson, Milton Eddington and Wayne Johns. Congratulations!**

**The girls' committee conducted a trip to Long Barn to play in the snow. More fun; some bruises.**

**The Boy Scouts' Mothers' club was initiated under the able leadership of Ann May Anderson. . . . March 4 a big minerology and hobby show was conducted.**

**Death visited our ward twice this last month. Sympathy is extended to the Erskin family on the loss of their sweet baby. . . . Bro. John Willis passed away in the Veterans' Hospital at age 52. In World War I he was in five major battles, and he also had four sons in World War II. He leaves a wife and a daughter.**

**March 18 is the time for that feast, a chicken dinner, sponsored by the Elders' Quorum. Tickets only $1.25 per plate.**

**Nina Stewart was crowned the queen of the Sweetheart Ball February 18, Reed Welchoff being her escort. Nina was also the guest of honor at a surprise party February 26, given at the home of her parents. After the Sweetheart Ball 15 couples finished up a gay evening at the home of Bernard Stewart.**

**A great treasure hunt was engaged in by the married folks February 26. Maurice (Folly) McFadden with her women helpers: Edythe Rosenkranz, Iris Smoth and Ardene Granquist won the prize. Only one casualty, Eva Loomis, who fell and hurt her leg rather badly. Fun for all, however. . . . We're glad to hear the Day Welchoffs' baby is better. Poor little tyke—only two months old and with pneumonia; now is home from the hospital.**

**The stork came flopping his wings over Hayward again. The poor old bird was puzzled, however, with so many expecting a visit, but finally decided on Cline and Louise Bronson. And it's a boy! Just what the major wanted. . . . The MIA will sponsor a one-act play, pot luck, March 8.**

**Hayward has its usual number of visitors: La Preal and Eugene Price from Brigham, Utah; Garth Taylor's folks from Weston, Idaho; Marjory and Eugene Felsted, from Sacramento, at the Blackmans.**

**It was President Taylor who first said, "Let your first good morning be to your Father in Heaven."**

## An Early L.D.S. Missionary Story

**By PRES. W. GLENN HARMON. at Berkeley Stake Conference, February 13, 1949.**

When the early missionaries were called the revelations through the Prophet Joseph were powerful, and they apply today to the full if we will accept them. "Called to proclaim the everlasting gospel by the spirit of the living God from people to people . . . reasoning with and expounding the scriptures unto them" were words to Orson Hyde.

An example of the spirit of devotion and living faith in the holy priesthood is shown in the life of Appleton Milo Harmon as told in his published biography, "Appleton Milo Harmon Goes West," edited by Maybelle Harmon Anderson of Berkeley. He wrote of the April, 1850, Conference:

"Our annual conference was held in Great Salt Lake City. . . . During the conference I was called to take a mission to England with eight others. It came as a complete surprise to me.

"I was not any too well prepared, and consequently I was put to some inconvenience to get ready for our departure which was to be in a few days." After sowing some wheat, and getting a team of oxen ready, they met "at the home of President Young and offered a prayer to the Giver of all good and asked His protection over us during our mission." His own father also layed his own hands on him and blessed him. He then writes:

"After dedicating my family to the care of God, I took leave of my wife, son, fifteen months old . . . and other relatives and friends. **All this I must leave for the task of again crossing the rugged Utah or Wasatch mountains 'mid snow (it proved to be from three to fifteen feet deep) and frost, and then wind our way over the Rocky mountains, pass across those extensive plains for the fourth time. Thence down the most dangerous of all rivers, Missouri, through the United States to St. Louis, and brave the perils of the ocean and occupy a field of labor in a country unknown to me, to preach the gospel.**

**"To face these prospects, unskilled in the use of letters and language as I am . . . requires a spirit.. of ..some ..little.. force ..to prompt one to immediate action."**

To cut their way through deep snows over the mountains and face heavy snow storms saw them spend the first ten days of the ardous journey and arrive just forty miles from their homes.

Five months had gone by before he reached England, and the return journey took over five months, so that the mission was over three years' duration in all, and entirely without purse or script except the outfit to start with. The little family at home managed as best they could with friendly help.

● Many locally will remember Spencer L. Taggart and his fine wife, Ila, who were Berkeley ward members while he was in residence at "Cal." He worked with the "Deseret Club" of our LDS youths on the campus. He has just returned to Salt Lake City from a three-year tour of duty in the diplomatic service of the U. S. government, being with the American Embassy at Prague. Bro. Taggart was born in Lewiston, Utah. The family is now moving to Washinfgton, D. C.

● A surgical operation was televised in Salt Lake City at the LDS hospital, during the week of February 7, 1949, marking the third such experiment. A large photo in the Deseret News of February 13, 1949, shows the heavy television cameras as they caught every deft move of Dr. Elile Novok of Baltimore during a delicate operation. During the week three operations by Dr. Novok were televised while approximately 100 doctors watched. This new procedure is to replace the old amphitheatre demonstrations. The 100 doctors watched the operations on view screens in an adjoining assembly room. It was termed "perfect for purposes of instruction."

## Oakland Ward

**BERNADINE M. ADAMS, TW. 3-4861.**

**Joyce Kingsford, daughter of Edward and Doris Kingsford, married Charles Edward Burke on February 20. The newlyweds are planning to reside in a new home in Montclair when they return from Carmel and Palm Springs, where they are spending their honeymoon. Congratulations to the Burkes.**

**"EVER SINCE EVE" is the name and the date is March 29, 1949, 8 p.m. Please keep that date open to see our MIA 3-act play.**

**Our Ward Gold and Green Ball was a successful event with Miriam Weller becoming our Queen. Her Majesty and her four attendants presided over the ball in splendid glamour and danced to the music of Jack Blue. An event which will be remembered by all.**

**Boyd Smith has become the new second counselor in our Sunday School Superintendency. We wish to welcome him in our Sunday School.**

**Flossie Hutchins, our MIA Speech Director, has announced her marriage of last December to Leonard O. Ongham. They were married in Portland and are now making their home in Oakland. Happiness and joy do we wish to the Inghams.**

**Leone and Joe Dailey have proudly announced the arrival of their daughter, Connie LaRue, weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces, on February 21. Joe reports that Leone is recovering nicely and that his daughter is a beauty.**

**Karol and Leona Law, son and daughter-in-law of Ray Law, also have news of becoming parents February 8, of a 7 pound and 2 ounce baby girl, Carol Ann. Congratulations to these proud parents.**

**Don oCchran visited our ward for a few was at dock, and reports that he will return days, while his ship the "President Hayes" again in late March. It's always nice to see Don.**


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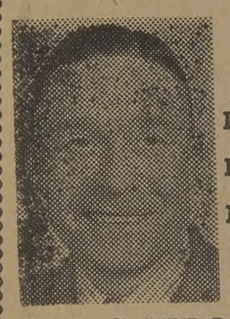

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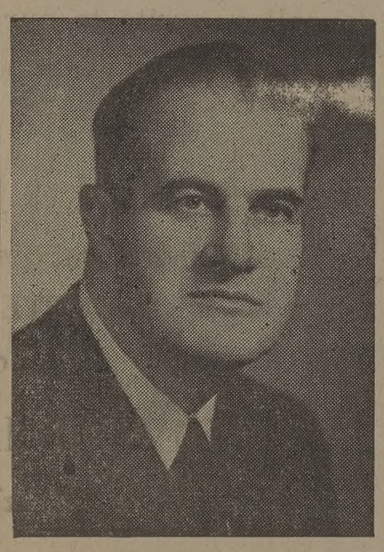

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# What I Think Of The French Mission

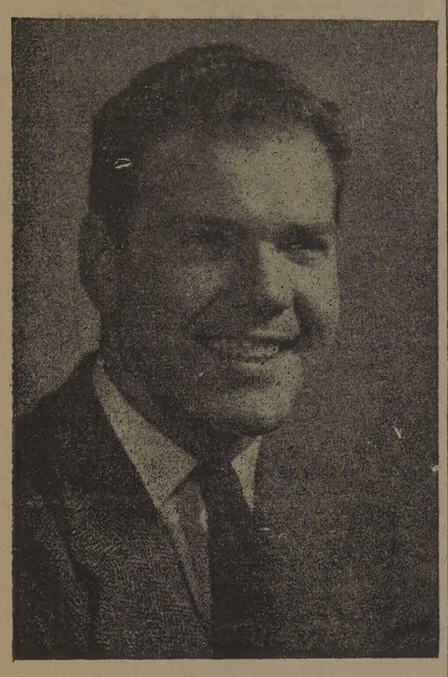
By KEITH S. GAISFORD.

(Keith will arrive home in Claremont ward about the time this Messenger reaches its readers.)

Twenty-seven months in the "French" Mission have given me an outlook on life that I would never have gained had I not accepted my Mission call. I have experienced things that never would be experienced in the United States. I am indeed grateful that I was considered worthy to fill a mission on foreign soil.

For my part I can say that I've enjoyed living among the French people, learning their ways and customs, and being influenced by their culture.

Religiously the French people are different from the Americans. They have been subjected to tradition, and this, by the way, is the



backbone of their religion, and also of their philosophy of life. In France one is either a Catholic, Protestant or Israelite. Any other belief isn't known. The many small sects are considered offspring from Protestantism.

Because of the rituals and traditions of Catholicism it is very difficult for the French to accept simplicity in religion. Their cathedrals and large churches are along this tradition.

The French have a malicious spirit of mockery, and often anti-Mormon literature is brought into view. Of course the main topic of discussion is polygamy, and at times they play it up in a most hideous manner. These writings have influenced a lot of people and consequently we are still regarded as polygamists. Despite this obstacle we have many friends who are willing to lend us a helping hand anytime we need it.

The greatest destroyer of faith I have observed is war and suffering. People here in the devastated countries seem to have the question in mind that if God existed would He allow such atrocities as were experienced during the last war.

The French are very philosophical. Often their thoughts are stronger than their actions. Consequently it is found that they are behindhand as compared with fast-moving America. Often the slow but sure—and it's not always sure—method of work is observed, and believe me it is true to its description.

This way of living affects the religious side of life, and people's ideas seem to come to a standstill, so to speak. It will take years of hard wark on the part of our missionaries to indoctrinate our French neighbors.

I have a high opinion of the French people. Their sincerity, politeness and hospitality is to be admired. It's true some have faults, but are they so different? Aren't we all human?

Before coming to France I had heard stories that the French Mission was the hardest in the Church, and that more missionaries cracked under the strain than in any other mission. But I want to assure you that the French Mission is increasing steadily in popularity and members. Since my arrival in November, 1946, at least 65 converts have entered the waters of baptism.

There are now approximately 110 missionaries in the mission; cottage meetings and investigators meetings are abundant, and in many cities Sabbath day services are held. It really seems true that many have taken to heart the words of Jesus, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." I know several people who have had their faith uplifted and happiness increased through accepting the true principles of our Lord and Savior.

Fortunately living conditions are steadily improving in France. Food is now plentiful, and rationing less severe. Bread can be had at will, and butter and milk can be found at times in the smaller cities. With these material improvements the spiritual life improves. I've heard many a Frenchman say, "It's hard to think of God on an empty stomach." What have we to say to that?

The Kingdom is ours if we just put forth the necessary work to attain it. It is declared in Luke that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." In doing our work we must not forget that it is for the Glory of our Father and "not my will, but thine be done."

I am happy to belong to the Church of Christ. I bear you my testimony that this work is true and divinely inspired, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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● Spencer L. Kimball, son of Apostle Spencer Kimball, now a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, University, England, will become professor of law at the U. of U., July 1.

Norma Williams was crowned charming Queen of the Gleaner Girls of Maxwell Park Ward at the ward Gold and Green ball, February 1. Four shown here attained the honor of Golden Gleaners; see G. G. by names. Shown in the picture above: back row, lef to right: Vivian Williams, Lola Hansen, Olga Barker, Barbara Adams (G.G.), Ruth Thomas, (G.G.), Elaine Henderson, Norma Williams, Queen, Betty Lou Thomas, Sister Bea Larsen, Gleaner Leader, Billy Checketts, Joyce Bricoe, (G.G.), Joan Bennett, Violet Fontano, (G.G.), Greg Goodpasture, John Briscoe, Barbara Wright, Jill Hawkins, Bob Martin, Alvin Smith. Three Golden Gleaners were not present, namely Fern Everett, Winnie Martin and Gerry Larsen. Maxwell Park ward has made an interstake record in having this large number of girls worthy of the honor of Golden Gleaner distinctions.

## *Martinez Ward*

FERN MOSHER

**Bishop and Sister Wayne F. McIntire, and Sister McIntire's parents, Brother and Sister J. Marsh, are spending a week in Chicago, attending a convention in connection with high school supervision. Our Bishop holds a very important position, being County Supervisor of Secondary Education.**

**Audrey Johnson and daughter, Carolyn, spent ten days in Utah with relatives.**

**We are happy to learn that Julaine Lott, who was stricken with polio eight weeks ago, is recovering with remarkable progress; and that Jean Cook is making satisfactory progress in recovering from her recent appendectomy.**

**Art and Afton Harvey of Vallejo began teaching folk dancing in the Martinez Ward on Saturday, February 26, and plan to continue such classes, twice monthly.**

**RELIEF SOCIETY CALENDAR FOR MONTH**

**Tuesday, March 8—Work and business: (Quilting and machine sewing for the bud-**
**Tuesday, March 15: Literary lesson by get).**
**Ella Carlston on "Lyric Expression of the Restoration."**
**Tuesday, March 22—February Sunday School lesson by Marie Barber.**
**Tuesday, March 29—Social science lesson by Marie Barber on "Main Currents in LDS Political Thought as Revealed in Discourses and Literature."**

**IVAN S. HASLAM**

**Ivan S. Haslam, second counselor in the Martinez ward bishopric, was born in Wellsville, Utah, April 22, 1918 in a family of eight children. When he was six the family moved to Logan where he lived until entering the service in World War II. His degree in civil engineering was obtained at the UAC in 1943 at which time he also became engaged to Shirley Balls of Hyde Park, Utah.**

**Ivan graduated from midshipman school, Columbus University, N. Y. City in the fall of 1943, receiving a commission in the Civil Engineers' Corp. of the Navy. At Camp Peery, Virginia, Shirley joined him and they were married by the justice of the peace at Williamsburg.**

**Following several months' training, and before going overseas with the Sea Bees to England, he and Shirley hurried back home and were sealed for time and eternity in the Logan temple, March 30, 1944.**

**Ivan served both in the European and the Asiatic-Pacific theatres of operations with construction battalions, and was released to inactive duty at the close of 1945.**

**It was August, 1946, when they moved to California, making Concord their home, Ivan being employed at the Pittsburg-Columbia Steel plant.**

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TOLERANCE

He drew a circle to shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout;
Wit and love had the will to win—
We drew a circle that took him in.
—Edward Markham.

## Remembrance Fund

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# Carquinez Ward

The twin boys of Brother and Sister Ward Ingham are getting along nicely. Born December 20, in Peralta hospital, Oakland, William Henry weighed 6 lb., 15 oz., and is named after his paternal grandfather; Joseph Stacy weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz., and is named after his maternal grandfather. The twins have had many transfusions because of an Rh factor, but are getting along fine now. The Inghams would like to thank the following members of Berkelcy and Oakland stakes for their blood donations: Reed Chase, Heber J. Brown, James Kay, Ardell Kay, Helen Bukers, Gerry Bukers, Charles Malling, Glen Stace and Luella Brown.

On February 19, 13 members of the Genelogical Sunday school class went to San Francisco library to work on research of their families. They were met at the library by stake chairman of research, Albert Diethlikes, who instructed the group. All have expressed a desire to go again.

Sister Lois Hunter has been released from her position in the Relief Society organization and Sister Hope Fitt has been sustained to fill the position as second counselor.

On February 14, Lois Stewart and Fenton Burgess were married in the Salt Lake temple. Brother Benjamin Bowring performed the marriage ceremony. Brother and Sister Stewart accompanied their daughter to Salt Lake City, and Fenton's parents, Brother and Sister Phil Burgess, came from Simms, Montana, with his brothers, Galen and Emmett. Monday evening, February 21, a reception was held in the Vallejo recreation hall. Lois and Fenton received many beautiful gifts, among them a sunbonnet appliqued quilt made by the Benicia Relief Society sisters. Each block was personalized with the embroidered name of the appliquer. We are all happy that this Latter-day Saint couple will begin their eternal partnership in the Carquinez ward and we know that their everlasting covenants will be a foundation upon which they will build happiness, love and all other eternal truths of life here and hereafter.

Plans for the Relief Society birthday party March 17, are under way. A pot luck dinner will be served at 6:30, and games and entertainment will fill the remainder of the evening.

# Walnut Crk. News

March 6 was taken over by the Relief Society and a good meeting was enjoyed by all. On March 10, the Relief Society will hold its annual party for the enjoyment of all adults of the ward.

We all are sorry to see Dave Clayton leave the S. S. superintendency where he has rendered such a fine service to the branch. His new assignment is president of the third quorum of elders. James Lee has been selected to take over the counselorship vacancy in the Sunday school.

The second Sunday of each month has been set aside for branch leadership meetings which are scheduled to be held at 6 p.m.

We welcome 10-year-old Philys W. Carlson and 9-year-old Lawrence J. White to ward membership. They were baptized on Feb. 5, and confirmed the following day. At the same time the following babies were blessed: Laurie Anna Carlson, born November 17, 1948; Linda Morgan, born November 5, 1948 and George N. Macy, born July 23, 1948.

—Margaret Openshaw, Rt. 2, Box 872.

# Elmhurst Ward

RAELLEN REYNOLDS

February 4th was date of the gala Gold and Green ball ball at Elmhurst ward. We were glad to see many famiand new faces at our ball. From the nine beautiful candidates, Barbara Elmer was voted queen of our ward. Barbara is the fiancee of Elder Jim MacFarlane now laboring in the Palestine-Syrian mission.

We wish to welcome new members into our ward: The Eugene Jacobs family, from Dimond Ward; the Thulin family, Evelyn, Blackwell; and Evelyn Woffnden.

The Skyhouse Restaurant was the scene of the Fireside Dinner held on the night of February 18. Fourteen were present; a really wonderful time. After the dinner everyone motored to Hayward Ward's Gold and Green Ball.

Sunday, February 20, in Sacrament meeting we were honored to have Brother Gustaveson from Alameda Ward speaking regarding the younger generation, and mentioning the article in the Improvement Era by Spencer Kimball titled "John and Mary." Brother and Sister Martin from Maxwell Park Ward sang two beautiful numbers. Just returning from the Mesa Temple Excursion, Brother Evans spoke to us about the testimony that Sister Anna Mayer, Sister Lucille Shaw, and Sister Zelnora Evans and he received on their trip. Pearl Jashier remained in Arizona a few days to visit relatives.

Let us all try to keep in mind the MIA theme of this year. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the day of the Lord, thy God."

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# Claremont Ward

MRS° GRACE MILLWARD.

Laverne Gaisford left Berkeley February 22 to travel to New York via the airways, where she will meet her son, Keith, who is returning from the French mission. This trip will be one of the highlights of Sister Gaisford's life inasmuch as she and Keith will visit many points of interest on their return trip, concluding with a visit to the Salt Lake temple.

Keith is Sister Gaisford's second son to complete a mission, Dave having served in the Spanish-American mission. Her other sons are: Harold, Lawrence and Ray. Harold is the Activity Counselor of the Stake YMMIA. We extend our word of praise to Sister Gaisford, a fine mother, with a splendid attitude toward the Church and its Leaders. May your path be paved with continued success and untold happiness, dear sister.

Ernest Ahlborn is back again after having been hospitalized with an infected leg. We missed you, Ernie, and we are happy to have you back with us once more.

Ella Krabbe is attending Church services for the first time since last December. We are glad to report that Mrs. Krabbe, her husband and daughter, are all improving nicely after having spent several weeks suffering from injuries received in an automobile accident last Christmas.

Arthur Nickel is on the road to recovery after a long, severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Olson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Mark James Olson, born February 19, 1949. Congratulations to Mother and Father Olson and may they find much happiness with little Jimmie, in their home.

Richard Nalder, Lincoln Blake and Edwin Nickel were ordained Priests during the month of February. Richard Nalder is a new member of the Church.

ATTENTION PLEASE: AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOU TO REMEMBER IS MARCH 11, CLAREMONT WARD GREEN AND GOLD BALL, IN THE CODORNICES CLUB HOUSE. AN EXCELLENT SIX-PIECE ORCHESTRA, BILL MILLWARD, LEADER, WILL FURNISH THE MUSIC FOR DANCING. THE GLEANER GIRL CHOSEN, BY POPULAR VOTE, TO REPRESENT THE WARD AS QUEEN IS MARJORIE WOOD HER ATTENDANTS BEING JUNE HARMON AND JULIA ELLSWORTH, THE TRAIN BEARER, LINDA MILLETT, AND THE CROWN BEARER, YET TO BE CHOSEN. Special entertainment has been arranged for the intermission. Fun is planned for everyone. Let us see you there.

Claremont M Men are Stake and Inter-Stake Basketball Champions—they lost to Reno in the finals played in Sacramento, February 18. Claremont Junior M Men also winners of stake and inter-stake playoffs. Both teams played very well and showed excellent sportsmanship in all their games. Congratulations Big and Little M Men—you too. Doc Kingston, the coach. In another column the Messenger presents a story of the fine basketball record of Claremont's M Men.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Karpus have recently purchased a home in East Oakland. This means they will be moving out of our ward soon. Marcelle is the Teacher of The Special Interest class in our MIA and has been very successful with her good work in this organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Karpus have been very active in Claremont Ward and it is with the kindest appreciatin fr their services that we wish them success and happiness in their new lcation. We'll be looking forward to your return visits.

Remember, Claremont is still selling Cook Books. The books are available at $1.00 per copy or $5.00 for six copies. Call OL. 2-5020 for any amount you wish to purchase.

# Berkeley Ward

SECOND WARD

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

At the end of the first two months of 1949, we are happy to note that more people are attending sacrament meeting and Sunday school. There is an increase in the number who are paying their tithing monthly. Our fast offering contributions show improvement, due partly to the good job our deacons are doing in visiting those who are unable to attend their meetings.

Many of the ward teachers are faithful in visiting and encouraging the families in their districts. We need more ward teachers; we need more help on the stake welfare building and we will welcome suggestions on how to produce our share of the welfare budget.

We are looking forward to the day when we can build our own chapel through the stake building program, but not all of our pledge cards have been returned.

Miss Ruth Caine has accepted the call to prepare the material for our ward directory. Some have not returned the cards giving their names.

LDS Girls' certificates of award for individual achievement have been received from the Presiding Bishopric for the following girls: Joy Aschman, Mary Aschman, Joanne Hickman, Ina Hopkins and Barbara Green.

We rejoice in every evidence of increased faith and activity of our people, and pray our Father in heaven to bless each of you according to you desires.—J. Ward Green.

The Boy Scout puffin patrol of Berkeley second ward put on a program the first evening of this month, participating on the National Boy Scout week. The following Tuesday evening the Boy Scout court of honor was held.

The MIA has had a most active and interesting month for all who came to participate each Tuesday evening. The speech and recreation department on Feb. 15, put on a "Way to Hearts" program. Retold stories were given by Fern McCord and Olive Anson. On the 22nd a "Flag Makers" program was given. Theme of the program was: "The Constitution of the United States, an Inspired Document."

Margaret Fife has been the literary teacher for Relief Society this year. All her lessons on preaching the gospel to the Lamanites inspired her to write a beautiful poem which will be published next month in this column

# Richmond Ward

BETTY BOURNE

The prized "Proficiency award," one of the highest ratings that scouts may obtain, was won by our Richmond Scout Troop 113 at a meeting held at the Harry Ellis junior high school Feb. 5. Fifteen of our scouts participated in the first aid demonstration which won for them this distinction. The troop wish to thank the Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of Richmond for the equipment which they provided to make the show possible.

The ward scouts, their director, Bill Martin, and Melvin Hatch, the new scoutmaster, deserve the highest congratulations. The troop put over a paper drive Saturday, March 5. They have a full schedule of field events and activities for the year ahead. This fine troop of our boys and their able leaders meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the chapel.

March 25 will be the night of the ward's Green and Gold ball. See the bulletin for full particulars, and save the date for a grand time.

A new ladies' chorus is being organized by Sister Adele Trotier. Practices are held Saturdays, 2 to 3:30, at the chapel; Jean Tippets has been set apart as ward organist.

Our ward Relief Society has been reorganized due to the plans of Sister May Nobles to move away from the ward in the near future. New officers are: Essie Carmen, president; Val Ney, educational counselor; Rula Gengler, work director; Forathy Anderson, social science teacher; Anne Parter, theology teacher; Annie Edwards, literature teacher; Louise Dean, visiting teacher topic leader; Mabel Trottier, secretary; Elaine Wightman, chorister.

News reacheed us of the death of Wm. R. Fuller in Salt Lake City, his funeral being held Wednesday, February 23 with burial in St. George. Brother Fuller was a former Richmond warder of long standing and activity. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Improvements are rapidly going on as a result of the ward beautification program.

—Betty Bourne.

(Ernie Bourne has taken a new job in Centerville, Calif., so that he and Betty are selling their new home. We will miss them terribly. He had formerly served in the bishopric and other positions, as also Betty. She has served as Messenger reporter well and long—The Editor.)

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The gospel is restored to bring us fullness of joy in the Lord. But each person must be active in the Lord's work in order to gain that joy and testimony of the truth.

It is therefore our aim in Richmond ward to have each member active. Our ward activities show an upward trend as compared with the past. The ward population has also increased in number and in strength. Most auxiliaries have shown improvement; our new junior Sunday school is bursting at the seams with growth.

A greater number have paid their fast offerings and the building fund payments have increased, yet we are far from 100 per cent in our accomplishments.

May the Lord bless everyone of us that our calling in leadership and priesthood might be magnified. May we all grow in the joy of the Lord.

—Bishop Wallace J. Wightman.

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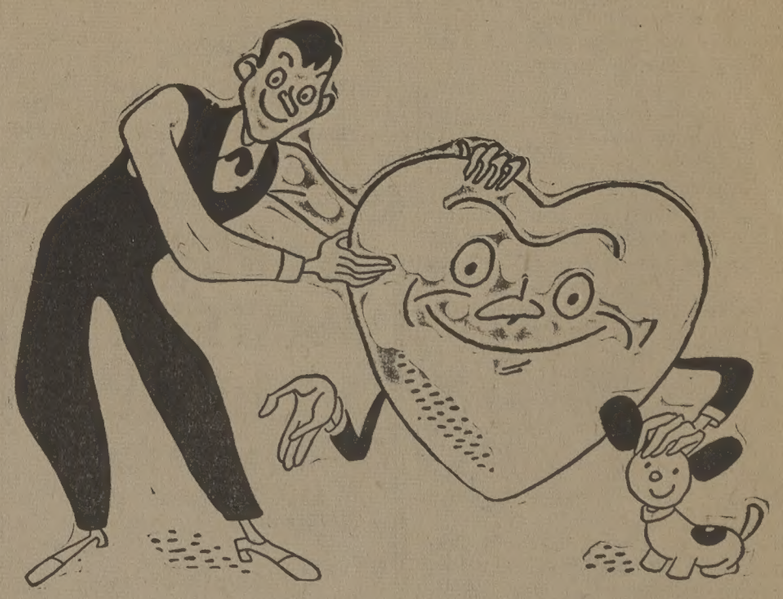

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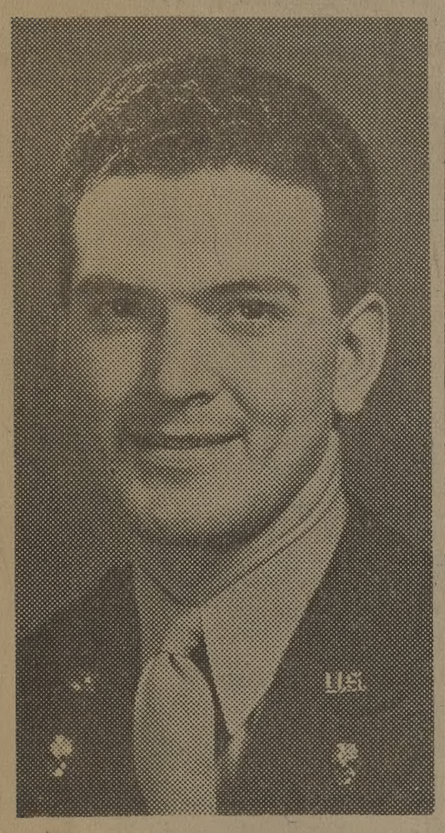
# Dance Festival Glorified Region-Wide

Planning for the annual MIA June conference dance festival sent Harold R. Gaisford and his attractive wife, Geraldine, on a recent trip to Salt Lake City. The techniques and dances to be presented in local dance festivals were demonstrated and rehearsed by divisional dance supervisors at the first Church-wide institute festival ever conducted.. The divisional stake leaders, more than 100 of whom attended the institute held January 31 and February 1, at the Emerald Gardens, Salt Lake City, will carry instructions back to their wards, assisting wherever possible in the furtherance of the festival program.

Brother Gaisford, first assistant to Clifton D. Boyack, Berkeley Stake YMMIA superintendent, was called to the institute to obtain obstructsion necessary to organize the San Francisco bay area into a dance division. Heretofore this area has had no special divisional dance instruction.



A special four-stake meeting was held March 7, in the San Francisco Stake House, 22nd avenue and Lawton street, at 7:30 p.m. Most of the MIA superintendents, presidents, their activity counselors and dance directors attended this meeting when Bro. Gaisford outlined the suggested program and introduced the new divisional dance supervisor, Miss Merle Ballantyne, former Berkeley stake dance director. Miss Ballantyne was called because of her vast experience as a dance teacher, having been connected with a professional studio for several years, and also because of her ability to organize and instruct in the Church dance program.

## BERKELEY STAKE NEWS CALENDAR

(Continued from page one)
and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Aud.

March 17—Stake Relief Society Anniversary Party, Elmhurst ward chapel.

March 19—Maxwell Park building fund event.

Junior M Men and Scout Vocational Exploration trip to Permanente Company.

March 25—Stake M-Men and Gleaner Banquet-Dance.

April 1—Hayward Ward Masquerade Ball.

April 9—Stake Special Interest Dinner-Dance, 380th Quorum of Seventies Meeting.

April 13—Maxwell Park Building Fund Event.

April 16—247th Quorum of Seventies meeting.

**Relief Society Anniversary**

More than 500 persons will attend the 1949 anniversary of the Relief Society at the Oakland Stake Party which will be held March 17 in Elmhurst ward chapel to honor Relief Society workers and officers of the wards and stakes.

Every member of the Relief Society in the seven wards of Oakland stake is invited to attend and bring their partners, to help observe the 107th anniversary of the Relief Society. Any ward member can attend this party.

Featured will be a pageant and old-time dances and refreshments.

To better develop the activity phase of the Oakland Stake programs for young men of Aaronic Priesthood age, Oakland Stake MIA superintendent Darrel Monson and Scout Commissioner Earl Larsen and Explorer Commissioner Dale Roe met with Aaronic Priesthood leaders during their session of the Stake Union Meeting February 27 in Dimond ward chapel.

At the meeting plans were outlined to build toward having an outsanding boy-leader in each ward unit.

Pointing out that the scouting picture is healthy, Superintendent Monson issued mimeographed outlines for forthcoming activity programs including a Court of Honor, on April 29, held in the cement ampitheatre at Arroyo Vieljo Park and will feature one of the nation's outstanding speakers, J. Roger Deas.

In the early part of June, approximately one month after the Aaronic Priesthood outing, a banquet will be given for all registered scout and junior M Men and Explorers and their fathers and ward representatives. Efforts are being made to secure a speaker of national fame.

Activities for the older boys will include many field trips. Although the first field trips are scheduled on Saturdays, different days will be selected in the next few months so that young men will have an opportunity to visit a variety of industrial and business organizations throughout the bay area.

**First trip will be to the Permanente Company, near Los Gatos, Saturday, March 19, (date change from that on mimeo sheet proved necessary), open to all young men 12-17 years of age. Transportation will have to be arranged from each ward. Help of Aaronic Priesthood leaders will be needed on this proposed trip which will take about an hour and a half each way. Plan to arrive in Los Gatos at 10 a.m. Trip through the plant will take three hours after which a place will be provided for the members of the group to lunch. Each person should bring his own lunch. Directions for getting to the plant will be included in the instructional letter that will go out to Explorer leaders and to Aaronic Priesthood leaders.**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## Milton R. Hunter

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to put their courting on the physical plane. They don't intend to sin; think they can continue petting without danger. But the evil happens, and then what? They feel ashamed, experience a revulsion towards each other, and lose respect for fine man and womanhood. The devil comes and tells them they may as well sin again. Then the illegitimate child, stigmatized even tho the parents get married. A hurried marriage is a poor thing and cannot be consecrated in the temple.

After marriage, suspicion is natural, each of the other. This is a wrong basis for a happy marriage. Then there is the awful specter of veneral diseases.

But look at proper courtship and marriage. Courting in the open, they enjoy one another to the full but not on the physical plane, finally they ask consent of the parents for marriage; they go to the bishop for his blessing and recommend, and then to the House of the Lord.

Then consider eternity and God's commendation and exaltation.

If you were offered a penny on the one hand and a million dollars on the other which would you choose? This is the difference between secular and celestial marriage. Choose right and be eternally rich.

## *Temple Marriage*

By NEIL CHRISTENSEN.

One of the most talked-about subjects among young people in the Church, to come to my attention as a missionary, a service man, and a university student, is the subject of temple marriage.

The questions that once bothered me in regard to temple marriage seem to have been satisfactorily answered. No doubt, however, other young people are still looking for solutions and are wondering about going to the temple to be married, or postponing that sealing ordinance until after a civil wedding ceremony.

Marriage within the temple is generally the first opportunity to receive temple endowments, one of our very sacred exalting ordinances. The endowments are taken before the marriage ceremony.

Throughout the history of God's dealings with his people, He has stressed the importance of marriage within one's religious faith. Modern leaders of the Church have been outspoken in urging the people to marry within their own faith. Furthermore, Dr. Noel Keys, in his course on "Youth and Marriage," which has been extremely popular at the University of California for many years, has quoted many modern studies showing strong support for marrying within one's religious beliefs. From either a hard-headed or a religious standpoint, marital happiness is better assured by taking the Church's counsel in this respect.

I was privileged to fly with a Navy squadron this summer vacation to Arizona and to visit the temple at Mesa. Going through the Salt Lake and Idaho Falls temples had been momentous occasions, and even viewing each of the other temples in the United States has been something to remember, but at no time have I been more impressed with the importance of our temples than at my visit to the temple at Mesa this summer.

One of our Church leaders said that people would come half way around the world to be married in the temple, if they realized its importance. I am acquainted with people from the Argentine Mission who have come that far for their satisfying experience. The value which should be placed on temple marriages can hardly be emphasized strongly enough. When our wedding anniversaries come around, we want them to recall a marriage sanctioned by the Church, and a sacred temple marriage.

The following quotation is from the Church News (Service Men's Edition) of May 15, 1946: "The mode of marriage is important. In choosing between a civil and a temple ceremony, we choose between the way of the world and the way of God. Mere civil marriage is man's way, uninspired and uninspiring. Temple marriage is God's way. Would any Latter-day Saint be content to accept man's mode of marriage?"

What's gone before is prelude to the future.—Anonymous.

## OUR JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"THE JOY OF SERVICE CANNOT BE EQUALLED WHEN THAT SERVICE IS FOR A LITTLE CHILD," and the thousands of voluntary Sunday Schools and Primary teachers the world over voice their appreciation, repeatedly, for the privilege of working with little children.

"As a twig is bent ,so shall it grow;" adults should realize that a youngster needs all the spiritual guidance he can possible get to last him along life's road in this day and age. He must be made strong in mind as well as body; a strong tie with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is one sure way. We are fortunate in the Oakland Stake, to have a staff of Junior Sunday School teachers who give so willingly of their time and effort to prepare and present impressive and forceful lessons for our children.

The teachers of the Junior Sunday Schools realize and appreciate this fact. They realize that working with children—teaching children—is the most important job anyone can have.

We appreciate the Junior Sunday School teachers and their cooperation in helping to make fine men and women of our children.

## BRIEF UTAH PARAGRAPHS

"Hollywood Comes to Blanding, Utah," is the story in the Deseret News Magazine of January 9, telling how Hollywood recently made a technicolor film, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," in Monument Valley, San Juan county in southeastern Utah. John Wayne, Hollywood star, with supporting cast of Victor McLaglen, Harry Carry, Jr., John Agar, and George O'Brien made the picture. The picture is based on Custer's massacre. The whole town of Blanding, apparently, was used as background. Indians, also.

● Grant Johannessen, a "west of the tracks," Salt Lake City boy, has now become one of the great American pianists as well as an orchestra conductor of high rank. After studying with the keyboard giants of the East and abroad he returned to give an astonding concert in the Tabernacle January 8, 1949, in company with the Utah orchestra under its famous leader, Maurice Abravanel.

● An Ogden poet, Mrs. Eva Willes Wangsgaard, has recently published her fourth book of poems, "Within the Root." Often read in the Era, and the R. S. Magazine, this poet's gifts have been well recognized for many years.

● Know your Utah quiz (from the Deseret News):

What Utah woman went east recently to sing at Carnegie Hall? Annette Dinwoody. . . . Who is the first woman from Utah to be elected a member of Congress? Judge Reva Beck Bosone. . . . What Utah man was recently appointed Federal Commissioner of Housing? Franklin D. Richards. . . What Utah musician won a $30,000 prize? Prof Leroy Richardson of the BYU faculty, now head of the music department of U. of U. . . . What Utah man recently became head of a great Midwestern university? Dr. James Roscoe Miller . . . What Utah composer recently gained national recognition for his tuneful aires in the Centennial Year opera? Crawford Gates of Palo Alto stake who recently wrote the music for "Promised Valley." . . . What Salt Lake business man was elected 1949 president of the National Association of Manufacturers? Wallace F. Bennett. . . . What Utah newspaper will be 100 years old next year? The Deseret News.

● Indians of the Southwest will have a museum of their own, built by state and federal funds at Anadarko, Oklahoma. It will be dedicated to permanent exhibitions relating to the culture of the Apache, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Commanche Indians. A salesroom for Indian arts and crafts will be included in the museum.

● The Utah Humanities Review, edited by Dr. Harold F. Folland and Dr. Leland H. Creer, though largely historic in character, in the fall 1948 issue, gives space for an article, "Indian-White Relations in the Unitah Basin," by Coulsen and Geneva Wright, and John Pulsipher's Journal with introduction by Jaunita Brooks.

● ZCMI's Art Exhibit in the Tiffin Room is now directed by Mrs. Elaine S. Michelsen, who succeeds Alice Merril Horne, gifted artist. Each show will be carefully selected and paintings will be sold through the regular charge account at this great SLC mart.

● First prize honors in national competition for advertising layout have been given to the Paris Company (retail dry goods) of Salt Lake City for advertisements conceived and created in its advertisement department in 1948. The award was made in New York.

● "Over 3000 skiers and ski enthusiasts acclaimed the first free mass ski school in the intermountain area a roaring success," says the Deseret News, sponsors of the novel venture. Begun at the Bonneville Golf club snow basin, the school held later sessions at famous Alta ski center at the head of Big Cottonwood canyon in Salt Lake Valley, 9000 elevation. Central Utah ski fans have at least three good ski areas in Utah county; Temp Haven in Provo Canyon, Kolap Ski Resort in a canyon near Springville, and also at Mutual Dell Ski Site in American Fork Canyon. Fillmore, Utah, has four ski runs only one-half mile from the city and plans to build toboggan slides with appropriate lodges.

## Conference Gems

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judged by the kind of a stake president he becomes. The same rule for a bishop, an elder's, seventy's, or high priests' president. These all should attend their meetings faithfully and fulfil their other duties zealously."—Pres. Hunter.

"Our Fast Offerings in 1948 were only 66½ cents per capita for the entire year. This seems to amount to about 5½ cents per months for each of us or about two cents per meal. But if even fifty per cent of us would fast and pay thirty cents each month or $3.60 per year the stake would receive over $9000 for cash needs of our Welfare budget instead of $3500 as at present."—Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew.

"Reports in our Church work are very important. They are like inventories. They show directions in which we are moving and help us to see and correct deficiencies, and to encourage and command and imitate successes." Pres. Hunter.

"LDS missionaries are different from other religious missionaries. 1—They are unpaid, supporting themselves. 2.—They go to Christian lands largely and hence reap persecutions. 3—They are called by revelations and prophecy."—Pres. Harmon.

## Church Welfare In Action

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General Welfare Committee.

### EMPLOYMENT AIDS

When members of the Ward Welfare Committee meet each week with their Bishop, employment problems are among the vital matters considered. In every ward there are two Employment Placement Counselors and three Priesthood Quorum Representatives who have been called to make this matter one of their chief concerns. Each week they pool their information concerning jobs that are needed and job opportunities which are available for unemployed members. Wards of each stake cooperate to assist all members of the stake and all stakes in a region pool their information for the benefit of all concerned. In some instances, central employment and placement offices are established to coordinate the work of the wards, the stakes, and the region. But, as in all welfare work, the burden of responsibility is upon the Bishop and members of the Ward Welfare Committee.

For example, in one region, during a two-year period, welfare employment was furnished to two hundred thirty persons a day, on an average. There was a turnover of this welfare help every two weeks. This indicates that these persons were assisted to find regular jobs within two weeks' time or that more than 5000 jobs a year were supplied.

Again: In a five-year period, 2198 persons, over 65 years of age, relinquished their pensions on Government relief rolls. Of these, 948 were rehabilitated and needed no aid from the Church, the State, or other gratutious source; 810 were assisted to sustain themselves partially, and their deficiencies were made up by the Church Welfare Plan; the remaining 440 are receiving all of their needs from the Welfare Program and are being given the opportunity of rendering such assistance in return as their abilities permit.

### MANY HELPED

The Welfare Plan was organized under the inspiration of the Spirit of the Lord. Since its organization, thousands of persons have received direct assistance. In no year have fewer than 17,000 persons been helped directly with the necessities of life. One year 55,469 persons were helped. During 1948, 25,000 persons were assisted in the stakes of Zion, and it is estimated that from 20 to 25 thousand more were helped in the missions, chiefly in Europe.

"I have felt from the time this Plan was put into operation that what we were really doing here was not alone caring for our people at this time when there are so many avenues open to them to get their help, but we were building for the future when we might need all the experience, all of our training and skill, all of our intelligence to preserve ourselves and those who might be less fortunate than we ourselves may personally be. I for one can visualize a condition, it may or may not come, when the best of us today will not be much better off than the poorest of us are now. I do not want to seem pessimistic, but the world faces one of its greatest crises in its history, and no mortal man, without the inspiration of the Lord can tell where it will lead."—Pres. Clark, Tabernacle Address, Feb. 2, 1941.

## Brave Mother Nobly Breasts Life's Challenges

By HAROLD ELDRIDGE.

For the first time in ten years a new cook tends the kettles at Giasford House, 2406 Dana Street, Berkeley.

Mrs. LaVerne Gaisford, proprietress of the "Mormon" boarding house for students at the University of California, elatedly left her responsibilities February 22 to fly to New York City. There she greeted her son, Keith, who arrived February 25 after spending nearly two and one-half years in the French mission.

Proud of her son's accomplishments in the mission field Mrs. Gaisford is praised just as highly by her sons and her friends of Claremont ward. For the past fifteen years she has had the full responsibility of rearing a family of five boys, two of which have completed missions, and all of whom have grown up to be active Church members in the San Francisco Bay area.

Born of pioneer parents, Mrs. Gaisford has had a life typical of many early Mormons with a few added responsibilities.

The daughter of a farmer and traveling wagon salesman, Mrs. Gaisford spent her early life as a hard-working farm girl in Idaho Falls. Unlike her sisters, however, LaVerne loved the more active part of farming, and instead of working inside the house helped with the gardening, milking, and general farm work. She acquired the title of Tomboy, and the more active sports of boys interested her much more than did the sewing circles of girls her age.

But like many other LDS girls, LaVerne was tamed; her parents sent her to Weber Academy at Ogden. There she gained the liberal education provided by the Church, and also learned much on her own: how to dance, sew, and charm young male suitors.

In 1916, when 20 years old, LaVerne became Mrs. D. Dean Gaisford, and in thirteen years five boys gave life to the household: Lawrence, Harold, David, Keith and Ray.

Left alone with her family of boys in 1934, Mrs. Gaisford and her three older sons went to work in Ogden to keep the family together, but the depression caused such a hardship that in 1936 Harold came to Berkeley, where he found a job and sent for the family.

Practically without funds when they arrived, the family diligently went to work. Mrs. Gaisford worked for some months as a seamstress, while her older boys worked at odd jobs.

They had the good fortune to live in a large house, and soon Mormon boys were asking for lodgings and table board. This was the key; immediately Mrs. Gaisford went to school to learn catering and management of a rooming house.

This naturally led to the leasing of a large rooming house on Channing way, and later to the purchase in 1940 of her present house at 2406 Dana street. Careful management, coupled with assistance from her sons, enabled her not only to keep up payments on her house but to send David on a mission to the Spanish-American mission in 1942.

It wasn't long after the rooming house began operations that it became known as the "Mormon" boarding house, and though many residents have not been LDS, none have smoked. One boy was converted to the church through his relationships at Gaisford House.

When the family is again united about March 8, upon the return of Mrs. Gaisford and Keith, her sons plan a family reunion at which time particular recognition will be given Mrs. Gaisford. It will represent the maturity of the family of boys, for all are now married or engaged to be married in the near future.

Mrs. Gaisford's early hopes of rearing her family as a unit have been fulfilled; her attentions will now be centered on Church activity, her "boys" at her boarding house, and her grandchildren, of which she now has five.